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A Look Ahead

Policy Committee Summary Report

Week of July 3, 2000

This report details selected significant Senate legislative activity anticipated next week. It includes information current as of Thursday, June 29, 2000. Please refer general questions on this report to Cynthia Bryant, Senate Republican Policy Staff Director, at 323-8892.

Education

Consultant: Kerri Ruzicka, 323-8890 Wednesday, July 5 8:30 a.m. and return after 6 p.m. if necessary, Room 4203

NOTE: 75 bills are on file for this hearing.

AB 2601 (Cardenas & Hertzberg)—

Assigns priority points for facilities projects to benefit Los Angeles Unified School District when state bond money has dwindled to \$3 million or less. LAUSD has a history of failing to follow appropriate procedures in applying for state bond money and is currently facing a shortage of facilities as a result.

AB 2556 (Hertzberg)—Creates a school and community partnership grant program to encourage the development of schools as community centers. This bill may result in the use of schools as socialized welfare and medical centers without parental oversight or permission.

Floor Session

Monday, July 3, 10:30 Check-In

Tuesday, HOLIDAY

Wednesday, July 5, Check-In

Thursday, July 6, 8:30 a.m.

Friday, July 7, LAST DAY FOR POLICY COMMITTEES TO MEET AND REPORT BILLS

Environmental Quality

Consultant: Edi Thompson, 445-8703. Wednesday, July 5 3:30 p.m., Room 2040 (Please note day, time, and room change)

AB 1196 (Thompson)—Prohibits the siting of a solid waste landfill if the potential site is 1) within one mile of a federal Indian reservation; 2) over a groundwater source that may be connected to a river system or 3) adjacent to an archeological or sacred site of cultural importance to a local Indian tribe. The proposed Gregory Canyon Landfill in San Diego County is at the center of the controversy surrounding this legislation.

AB 1450 (Calderon)—Authorizes air districts to require operators of composting facilities to obtain a permit to build, alter, erect, replace or operate the composting facility. As of 6/29, the bill expands permitting authority of air districts with regard to composting facilities which already must undergo

permitting processes with regional water boards and local enforcement agencies. However, the bill may be amended to alleviate some of these concerns.

AB 2260 (Shelley)—Second try in this 2-year session to enact a "Healthy Schools" program. The strikingly similar AB 1207 of 1999 was vetoed. The bill proposes a comprehensive, multi-layered bureaucratic program to regulate pesticide application on school property, ambient air quality, multimedia contaminant exposure, drinking water and other environmental factors on school property. The bill involves at least 8 state agencies, departments and boards.

AB 2746 (Nakano)—Imposes new reporting requirements on large passenger ships operating in state waters with regard to air emissions, waste material (including air contaminants, biological materials, chemical wastes, graywater, hazardous substanctes, hazardous waste, industrial waste, incinerator residue, medical waste, munitions, oil, radioactive waste, sewage, sewage sludge, solid wastes, toxic wastes and wrecked or discarded equipment). The bill permits the State Water Resources Control Board to request reports more frequently than quarterly if they deem it necessary.

Health & Human Services

Consultants: Cynthia Bryant (Human Services), 323-8892 Dan Chick (Health), 324-5509 Wednesday, July 5 1:30 p.m., Room 4203

AB 1098 (Romero)—Implements Governor Davis' initiative to combat provider fraud in the Medi-Cal, Family Planning Access Care and Treatment Waiver Program, and other health programs.

AB 1995 (Aroner)—Provides a one-time amnesty for all child support

obligors who owe more than \$5,000 in child support. Requires the obligor to enter into a contract with Department of Child Support Services to participate.

AB 2714 (Wesson)—Continues to allow compensation to be paid to donors of blood platelets, a commonly used blood product.

Housing & Community Development

Consultant: Stan Neal, 323-8898 Wednesday, July 5 4:00 p.m., Room 112 (Please note day, time, and room changes)

AB 2359 (Keeley)—Creates the Community Development Investment Guarantee Fund to encourage community development lending in low-income communities by allowing the Treasurer to guarantee high risk loans.

AB 2070 (Shelley)—Enacts the Teacher Homebuyer Assistance Program to be administered by the California Housing Finance Agency to provide home loan assistance for teachers employed in low performing schools.

AB 2786 (Bates)—Deposits unclaimed money from deceased persons' estates into the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund to be used for construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of multifamily rental housing for seniors including on-site support facilities.

Local Government

Consultant: Tom Hudson 322-6670 Wednesday, July 5 9:30 p.m., Room 112

AB 1982 (Gallegos)—Permits assessment districts to increase the amount of existing assessments that were never approved by the voters, despite the language and intent of Proposition 218.

AB 1588 (Florez)—Partially exempts small agricultural agencies from the requirements of Proposition 218 by establishing a 30-day statute of limitations for challenges to the engineer's report that determines the allocation of costs for assessment districts.

AB 1984 (Zettel)—Authorizes the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to rebate personal property tax revenues to telecommuting centers for up to five fiscal years. This tax rebate would include business personal property only (such as computers, desks, etc.), not the property tax on real estate.

Revenue & Taxation

Consultant: Ray Thompson, 324-5233 Wednesday, July 5 1:30 p.m., Room 3191

AB 1220 (Romero)—Requires corporate taxpayers that claim tax credits to provide information regarding: amount of each credit or carryover credit claimed; the number of full-time equivalent employees; the median weekly compensation paid to non-supervisory employees; and, the percentage of non-supervisory employees for whom the taxpayer pays at least 80% of health insurance costs. Authorizes and requires the FTB annually to publish this information by name and to post in on their website.

Veterans Affairs

Consultant: Tom Hudson 322-6670 Thursday, July 6 Upon adjournment of session, Room 2040

No significant legislation.